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toward state government vis-a-vis business. Let me go back again to the question. Can we ask businesses receiving tax incentive to delay for a short time their receipt of those incentives? If the answer is no, on the other hand, then I believe the Legislature is misreading the business community. I think they're bowing to a perceived threat. We've heard the threat--71,000 jobs, \$15 billion. Now I will tell you, I don't believe 71,000 jobs strictly as a result of LB 775 and the following tax incentive programs. I also will tell you I don't believe zero jobs. I think that there is someplace in-between. I think these programs have been useful.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: But I don't think we can be afraid to address them responsibly, given our fiscal situation. My net result of all this is that I think the refusal to adopt this moderate approach is shortsighted. I'm as myopic as anybody, but even to me this is shortsighted. If we simply have no room to maneuver on these kinds of programs, then the next time one comes up I don't see how that we will be able to move forward. This proposal is one we should adopt. I would urge you to vote against the bracket motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, I'm going to keep...try to keep it low-key, but I rise to oppose the bracket motion. The thing that bothers me the most about this is the attitude of business. I understand keeping our word and I understand the contracts; and if I really felt that that was the way it was, I would not be supportive. I've been supportive of LB 775. The fact of the matter is I would vote for LB 775 tomorrow if it was to come back. But I would have a caveat in it and that would be the accounting procedure. One of the things that bothers me, bothers me absolutely the most, is the fact if I've heard it once, I've heard it a dozen times in the last few months, well, why can't you guys run this state of Nebraska like a business? And there's probably been stronger language which I won't repeat. But by and large it is, run that like a business; you should be running state government like a